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Letter from the Governor

Greetings,

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching, and folks all across the Commonwealth are enjoying the beautiful autumn weather and the last of the fall foliage.

Glenna and I are excited about the many events coming up over the next month that offer something for everyone. The Department of Tourism's calendar of events, which is available online at www.kentuckytourism.com, lists more than a hundred festivals and events in November alone.

As Governor, I take great pride in the wonderful tourist opportunities we have right here in the Commonwealth. Kentucky offers tourists some of the most beautiful landmarks and scenery anywhere, and the hospitality of our citizens is unsurpassed.

I invite you to discover the beauty and wonder of this great Commonwealth, and invite you to learn more about the wonderful opportunities we have right here in Kentucky.

Sincerely,



"Over the River and Through the Woods" Across the Commonwealth We Go



The old saying, "If these walls could talk" is definitely true for a house, which can testify to the richness of Kentucky history. The **Old Governors Mansion** is reputed to be United States oldest official executive residence still in use, located on the corner of High and Clinton Streets in Frankfort. Don't miss the chance to step back in time and walk through history. Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The **Bluegrass Heritage Museum** is now open in Winchester and is the only museum in the state dedicated to the history of a specific region. The museum is located in the former Guerrant Mission Clinic and Hospital, an artifact itself, at 217 S. Main St., Winchester. Open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Find out why the names Elijah Craig and Evan Williams appear on Heaven Hill's Bourbon when you visit the **Heaven Hill Distilleries Bourbon Heritage Center**. The center's purpose is to teach visitors about the birth of bourbon and the role of whiskey-making pioneers. It's located at 1064 Loretto Rd. Bardstown, KY and will be open for tours Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If You're Not Going to Grandma's How About

Camper's Thanksgiving: Don't put away your camping gear too early. Fort Boonesborough State Park, located in Richmond, will host Camper's Thanksgiving November 5 through the 7. The weekend will feature free tours and putt-putt, games in the recreation room and a potluck dinner. For additional information contact Jack Winburn, phone number 859-527-3131 or visit www.parks.ky.gov.

Thanksgiving Holiday

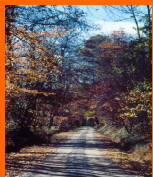
Celebration: Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park will host a weekend of celebration November 25 through the 27. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served and historic activities will take place throughout the weekend. For additional information contact Tesa Moore, phone number 606-398-7510 or visit www.parks.ky.gov.

Christmas at the Galt – Past & Present:

American Bus Association names Christmas at the Galt in Louisville, Kentucky as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2005. Christmas at the Galt is scheduled for Nov. 25 – Dec. 14 and features an original music show, dinner and other holiday attractions. For more information call 502-589-5200 or visit www.galthouse.com.

For additional information on events, festivals, lodging and dining visit www.kentuckytourism.com.

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“The Horse Knows the Way” to Kentucky’s 1st Rate Light Shows

Kentucky will not be left in the dark after the time change. Christmas lights will light up November’s dark skies. Plan on getting into the Christmas spirit early by visiting light shows across the Commonwealth.

Grand Rivers Holiday Festival of Lights: Grand Rivers, Nov. 8 – Jan. 8,
For more information visit www.grandrivers.com or call 888-493-0152.

Winter Wonderland of Lights: Ashland, Nov. 15 – Jan. 2,
For more information call 800-377-6249.

Christmas Island: Burnside, Nov. 18 – Dec. 27,
For more information visit www.lakecumberlandtourism.com or call 800-642-6287.

Southern Lights: Lexington, Nov. 19 – Dec. 31,
For more information visit www.kyhorsepark.com or call 859-255-5727.

Holiday Forest: Christmas on the Frontier: Owensboro, Nov. 20 – Dec. 31,
For more information visit www.visitowensboro.com or call 800-489-1131.

Christmas in the Park: Elizabethtown, Nov. 24 – Jan. 1,
For more information visit www.touretown.com or call 800-437-0092.

Holiday Lights and Christmas Village: Harlan, Nov. 24 – Jan. 1,
For more information visit www.harlancounty.com or call 606-573-4156.

Christmas at Panther Creek: Owensboro, Nov. 26 – Jan. 1,
For more information visit www.daviesscountyparks.com or call 800-489-1131.

For additional information visit www.kentuckytourism.com and click on calendar of events.

Kentucky’s 1st Rate Festivals & Events

Holidazzle: Louisville, Nov. 6 – Dec. 31,
For more information visit www.kentuckyarts.org or call 502-589-0102.

Country Christmas Treasures Craft Show: Georgetown, Nov 12 - 13,
For more information call 502-863-1337.

Christmas Holiday Homecoming: Owensboro, Nov. 12 - 14
For more information visit www.visitowensboro.com or call 800-489-1131.

Downtown Frankfort Candlelight Tour: Frankfort, Nov. 18,
For more information visit www.downtownfrankfort.com or call 502-223-2261.

Renfro Valley Christmas in the Valley: Renfro Valley, Nov. 19 – Dec. 11,
For more information visit www.renfrovalley.com or call 606-256-2638.

Fort Harrod Holiday Gala: Harrodsburg, Nov. 19 – 20,
For more information visit www.parks.ky.gov or call 859-734-3314.

My Old Kentucky Home Candlelight Tours: Bardstown, Nov. 26 – 27,
For more information visit www.bardstowntourism.com or call 800-323-7803.

Christmas in Historic MainStrasse Village: Covington, Nov. 26 – Dec. 19,
For more information visit www.mainstrasse.org or call 859-491-0458.

Christmas ‘Round Bardstown’: Bardstown, Nov. 26 – Dec. 31,
For more information visit www.bardstowntourism.com or call 800-638-4877.

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Tourism Industry Notes

Tourism Commissioner Randy Fiveash, along with representatives from the Louisville, Lexington and Northern Kentucky Convention Visitors Bureaus, participated in the annual Visit Kentucky USA Sales Mission to the United Kingdom. The trip was successful and is expected to result in increased international travel to the Commonwealth.

The 2005 edition of Kentucky’s Great Getaway Guide (GGG) will be available in January. The GGG will be bigger than ever and more reader friendly, but will cost the Commonwealth less money. The GGG changes are an example of Governor Ernie Fletcher’s commitment to maintaining quality while reducing costs. The changes in the 2005 edition result in \$258K savings to Kentucky.

Quote from Commissioner Fiveash:

“In the past, producing the Getaway Guide resulted in more than \$500,000 dollars leaving the Commonwealth of Kentucky annually,” Commissioner Fiveash said. “Our Getaway Guide was printed by a Florida-based printing company. They not only had all the rights to sell the advertising, but to keep all the revenue. We are now using a Kentucky-based printer, Gateway Press and working in partnership with the Kentucky Tourism Council (KTC) to sell ads and the money spent is staying within our state lines.”

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